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Mr. James J. Rowley
Director, United States Secret Service
Wash9ington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

If it is your will that the record remain where our recent correspondence leaves it, there, from your end, it will have to be. As you know, I am a writer. I see only what is before me.

I write you for an additional purpose. I have had some interest in Mr. Godfrey Kirkpatrick, whose mother, Mrs. William Kirkpatrick Jerome, lives at 1740 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans. I have interviewed Godfrey, at the State Hospital, Jackson, Louisiana. I have also done some investigating of my own. I found him confined, not permitted to leave the building even if accompanied, and could find no reason for this restraint when I was there.

Since then I have been given to understand that he is held in what amounts to imprisonment, not for medical reasons, but at the request of the Secret Service. He cannot even go for a walk on the grounds, get in the sun. I have been told the reason the Secret Service gave is for the security of the President.

Therefore, I ask if this is true or substantially so. If it is, I would like to know by what legal proceeding, what authority, which President, and why. Has he made threats? Tried to implement them?

I also know of Secret Service inquiries about various members of his family.

If you genuinely regard him as a threat, perhaps I have information you would like.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg